

**Remarks**

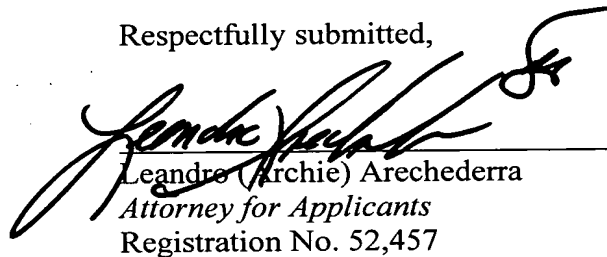
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) so that all the references cited in the BACKGROUND of the Specification may be officially considered by the Office in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 & 1.98.

Applicants respectfully solicit a prompt notice of allowability. In the alternative, Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Office's satisfaction.

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